

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3543 as amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Ineligibility of Diversion Program		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
Minimal (Some additional expenditures expected, but can be absorbed)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 3543, as amended, amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by enacting "Mary Lynn's Law" which provides that an individual with a current charge or a prior conviction for a violent offense, a harassment of stalking offense or a burglary offense or a person subject to a restraining order, may not be considered for a diversion program.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Departments of Corrections; Probation, Pardon and Parole Services, and Juvenile Justice each indicate there will be no impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds. The Judicial Department and the Prosecution Coordination Commission indicate there will be a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agencies at the current level of funding.

Department of Mental Health

The Department of Mental Health reports that enactment of this Bill would have an impact on the General Fund of \$71,100. It is expected that the extra duties involved in notifying victims would require at least two administrative coordinators. The minimum pay for an administrative coordinator is \$35,550 including fringe benefits. Additional other operating expenses are expected to be minimal.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

Enactment would have little or no impact on local expenditures.

Approved by:



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